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Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 9:42 AM **To:** R10-Park Place Remodel

Subject: FW: Lifting the warning about tap water in Park Place

From: Stohs, Sheryl

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 9:41 AM **To:** Filippini, Mark; Voytilla, Marykay

Subject: RE: Lifting the warning about tap water in Park Place

Mark,

Thanks for the follow up.

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From: Filippini, Mark

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 9:12 AM **To:** Stohs, Sheryl; Voytilla, Marykay

Subject: RE: Lifting the warning about tap water in Park Place

Cheryl,

Thanks for your message. We don't believe closing off any of the 16th floor fixtures will create any additional problems on other floors since these fixtures just went on line a few weeks ago and the plumbing system is isolated for this area of the 16th floor. The plumbing line comes off a main line near the elevators and ends at or near these fixtures. We are also monitoring other floors and have not found any levels above action levels. For instance, the 20th floor is above 16 and their results are very low. We will continue to monitor the areas we feel are needed and report any results we find.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks Mark

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From: Stohs, Sheryl

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2014 8:51 AM **To:** Voytilla, Marykay; Filippini, Mark

Subject: FW: Lifting the warning about tap water in Park Place

Importance: High

Hello, Marykay

Thanks for the update from Ed. My question is since the source of the elevated levels for lead was not revealed for the 16th floor, how can you be sure that closing off the water supply to 16 won't result in pushing the problem to subsequent floors? Is the source of the drinking water isolated from floor to floor?

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From: Chu, Ed

Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 5:54 PM

Subject: Lifting the warning about tap water in Park Place

Importance: High

We spent today with GSA and the Park Place building management to review their drinking water sampling plan/protocol and sampling results from floors 16, 17, 20, and 21. Based on our review today, I am pleased to report that we identified only one location that exceeds the action level for lead, the 16th floor employee lounge. To eliminate exposure at that location, the building management closed off the water supply to the affected refrigerator and sink until we can determine the source of the problem. We have asked for further testing of 16th floor drinking water sources and the building management agreed to conduct the testing next Tuesday. We have asked for further testing on the 1st floor in advance of our occupancy. The building management is also conducting additional tests in the fitness center.

Test results show no elevated lead level above the action level on floors 17, 20, and 21. GSA drinking water tests conducted over the last three years at the Green Tree day care centers also show no elevated lead level above the action level. Although we do not have any information about our other floors in Park Place, based on the results from floors 17, 20, and 21 and the Green Tree day care center, we do not expect tap water in the building to exceed the action level.

Nevertheless, we continue to take this matter very seriously so we plan to conduct our own testing in our space in the coming weeks. We will share all results with you.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Voytilla or Mark Filippini.

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